

## **VOLUNTEER VOICE**

Riverside Police Department

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# A TIP OF THE VOLUNTEER HAT

Public Safety Dispatcher Valerie Driskell and Police Property Specialist Dawn Reynolds for their generous donation of yarn (several large bags) for our Lap Blankets for Vets project.

### **COORDINATOR'S CORNER**

Rose Marie Lane, Police Program Coordinator

Our wonderful volunteer staff is now assigned or deployed from one of three facili-In order to keep all our family members informed, there will be two additional columns in the Volunteer Voice. I am requesting a volunteer deployed from Lincoln (Citizen Patrol or CFMH Patrol) take on the assignment of the Linking with Lincoln column and someone assigned to Orange Street be the Orange Street Connection author. Call me at 353-7187 if you are interested in these assignments. Be reminded we are always looking for articles that may be interesting to our Voice readers.

I know it is frustrating for those of you who attempt to wash the Citizen Patrol vehicles and the carwash is inoperative. RPD personnel have no control over the carwash; there is a hose available for rinsing the cars off by Fleet Maintenance.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of business owner Richard Castillo. Richard's kindness and generosity was instrumental in making our Blue Elf Program such a success for many years.



Rosie with Richard Castillo

Effective immediately volunteers may no longer write Yellow Tags. This task has been taken over by Code Enforcement. Any requests for yellow tags should be referred to 826-5633.

We are in the midst of verification of access cards. Please have your access card in hand when you call me to verify the number. Failure to comply may end up with your card being deactivated.



#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Magnolia Station:** Pawn Slip Entering – Multiple Computer Screens (0800-1700, Monday-Friday)

Orange Street Station – Information Desk (0800-1700, Monday – Friday)

Orange Street Station – Adjutant to the Chief Steve Frasher – Going through several newspapers daily for articles pertaining to RPD and other law enforcement related events. This is an early morning assignment (0730 – Completion).

**Home Based** - YANA (You Are Not Alone). Make calls from your home or a NPC.

#### YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Do you know someone who might want to volunteer, but isn't sure if the Police Department is the spot for them? Perhaps the Youth Accountability Board is something they would be interested in. This is a worthwhile program, but completely separate from RPD. It is for nonviolent, juvenile offenders. The request for assistance follows:



Youth Accountability Board is seeking volunteers to work with the Riverside County Probation Department with first time misdemeanor offenders in the Jurupa, Moreno Valley, and City of Riverside areas. Volun-

teers investigate cases and determine appropriate consequences aiming to redirect youth through mentoring and accountability.

Volunteers must be 21 years or older and have no criminal record.

For more information contact:

Youth Accountability Board office (951) 275-8783.

## NEW VOLUNTEER VOICE STAFF MEMBER

We welcome Salley Fuller to the staff of the Volunteer Voice. Salley is very active in "Operation Smiles."

Outside of the Volunteer Program she is a supervisor with the County DPSS.

Salley will be helping with layout, presentation and an article or two.

No major changes are planned, Teddy will still be doing *From Where I Sit* and Sharyn will still be inserting her *FYI* and providing photographs. Rosie will of course be continuing *The Coordinators Corner*, *Tip of the Hat* and other articles as deemed necessary.

We are hoping to get more participation from all of you who are reading this; volunteers, civilian and sworn personnel. If you have something that might interest the readers, please share it with us. This newsletter is read by more than the Volunteer Unit.

With Salley's help we should be able to add more regular features. She will hopefully be able to begin assisting us with the December issue.

#### **NEW UNIFORM**

The new uniforms are completed and compliment the rest of the department's shades of blue. The patch says Police Volunteer in the top blue banner and Riverside in the bottom one.



Those who work in office positions, not requiring a uniform, will probably only need a set of Class A's. Contact Rosie to see what is required for your position.





#### **DAYS GONE BY**

The last few months I have spent some time cleaning out my old personal files and pictures. As time and space permits, I will share a few of these items with you.

The following article is a reprint from the "Beat Partner", April 1989 Issue. This was the RPOA newsletter at that time.

## **POLICE CANINE GETS HIS I.D. NUMBER** By Chris Darker, Staff Writer

Well, once again the rumor has it that a patrol officer got to carry out the official act of giving one of our elite canines and I.D. number. This act rarely occurs anymore but when the right guy comes along, yes, Officer ANDY, known to most as Andy the canine dog, was blocked out on initial face page of an official R.P.D. face page, (subject to public view) and listed as a witness

to a 459 P.C. where suspects were taken into custody. The reporting officer, **Dave Taylor**, entrusted his future with R.P.D. and his personal credibility in Officer **G. Toussaint** (you pick which one) when advised to list Officer Andy in his report. I say, **Guy**, have you thought of becoming an F.T.O.??)

Canine officer **Doug Kelly** said he wasn't aware that his dog Andy had an ID number and was puzzled when he received a Preliminary Hearing Subpoena for Officer Andy. Doug said he wasn't sure if Andy would be able to testify in the upcoming hearing since his dog is not bilingual and the D.A.'s office refused his request for a translator.

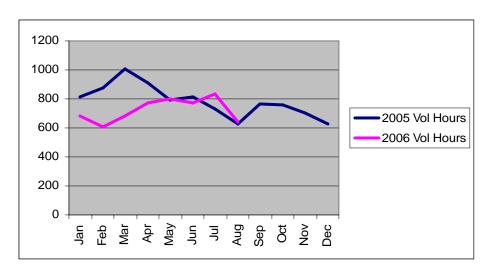
#### **VOLUNTEER STATS**

Handicap Parking Citations numbers for the months of:

Jun	Jul	Aug	
7	6	3	Handicap parking

Volunteer hours recorded.

Jun	Jul	Aug	Yearly Total
775.50	836.25	639.50	6061.75





A proud day for so many people.



"Winners make things happen. Losers let things happen"

#### AS MAGNOLIA BLOSSOMS

By Sharyn Dana VI4



The Community Room has become a very popular asset to the Magnolia Station. I am hopeful that we can keep it tastefully decorated with art work, exhibits or various community displays that everyone can enjoy.

The current photographs adorning the walls in the CR are the work of RCC's "Young At Heart" Photography Class.

This exhibit will be removed on Wednesday morning November 29. It will be replaced on Thursday November 30 by the Riverside Art Museum's "Photo Artist Network." The theme will be animals and other living creatures. This show will run until approximately March 2007.

We are looking for future exhibits that will show off our local talent. Do we have any artists within the department who would be willing to display their work?

For wall hangings, we have hooks all ready in the wall that will accommodate about 64 items if they are no larger than 16 x 20. We do not want to put any more holes in the walls.

If you have any suggestions or comments or if you are interested in purchasing any of the photos in the current exhibit, you can contact me at:

sdana@riversideca.gov

or

sharyndana@yahoo.com

Pun of The Day: Energizer Bunny arrested - Charged with battery!

#### SINCE YOU ASKED....

By Sharyn Dana VI4

Richard is feeling quite at home in Hemet and has a great staff working with him. The whole city has made us feel very welcome. He is busy with all those things he was very adept at avoiding in the past (fund raisers, mixers, meetings, speaking engagements, and the general howdy doodys.)

Yes, I am still volunteering for RPD, just don't have as much time to devote as before. But you can still expect to see me sticking my camera in your face every chance I get.





